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In re Patent Application of:
Shunpei YAMAZAKI
Serial No. 10/079,512
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Examiner: Remmon R. Forde
Group Art Unit: 2826

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

Please note that Serial No. 09/443,705 (which is noted on the attached PTO-1449) is considered to be related to the above noted application. In addition, Applicant has provided a copy of the Official Action of March 12, 2004 as well as the reference cited by the Examiner in this action (JP8-264784) for Serial No. 09/443,705.

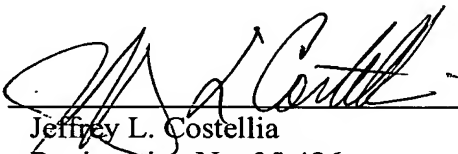
In addition to the above, applicant wishes to note a misspelling of the inventor's name of Japanese Patent No. 06-148685 to NAKAZAONO et al., cited on page 2 of the PTO-1499 filed on October 6, 2003. The correct spelling inventor's name is "NAKAZONO et al.". In view of this error, Applicant hereby corrects the misspelling on the attached PTO-1449. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner mark through JP-06-148685 TO NAKAZAONO et al. appearing on the October 6, 2003 PTO-1449 so the correct spelling will be printed on the face of the patent resulting from the instant application.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

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		JP-08-264784	10/11/1996	KUROKAWA		Partial

OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
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		U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/433,705; Filed: November 4, 1999; Shunpei Yamazaki; "Method of Fabricating a Semiconductor Device" (Specification; Claims, Abstract, Drawings, Official Filing Receipt and Official Action dated 3/12/04 with Partial English Translation of Japanese Patent No. 8-264784)); Status: Pending	

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